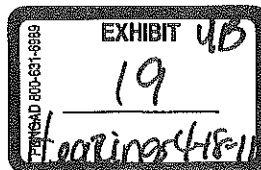


**JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION
PERSONAL DATA QUESTIONNAIRE**

Court, Position, and Seat # for which you are applying:
Family Court, Thirteenth Circuit, Seat 3

1. NAME: Mr. Thomas J. Quinn
BUSINESS ADDRESS: 600 E. Washington Street
Greenville, SC 29601
TELEPHONE NUMBER: (office):864-232-9590
2. Date of Birth: 1953
Place of Birth: Yonkers, New York
3. Are you a citizen of South Carolina? Yes
Have you been a resident of this state for at least the immediate past five years? Yes
5. Family Status: Re-married on July 10, 1999, to Joy Dean Bennett. Divorced June 6, 1996. Moving party was Connie Ledford. Beaufort County Family Court. One year continuous separation; two step-children.
6. Have you served in the military? N/A.
7. List each college and law school you attended, including the dates of your attendance, the degrees you received, and if you left an institution without receiving a degree, the reason for your departure.
 - (a) Southern Connecticut State College 1971-73. Transferred to USC;
 - (b) University of South Carolina 1974-75. Bachelor of Arts – Political Science;
 - (c) University of South Carolina Law School. 1975-78. Juris Doctor.
8. List the states in which you have been admitted to practice law and the year of each admission. Also list any states in which you took the bar exam but were never admitted to the practice of law. If you took the bar exam more than once in any of the states listed, please indicate the number of times you took the exam in each state. South Carolina, 1978.
9. List the significant activities in which you took part during your attendance at college, graduate, and law school. Give the dates you were involved in these activities and list any leadership positions you held. Debate team, 1971-75.
10. Describe your continuing legal or judicial education during the past five years.

<u>Conference/CLE Name</u>	<u>Date(s)</u>
(a) SC Traffic & DUI Updates	09/17/10;
(b) Defending Drug Cases	11/17/10-11/18/10;
(c) Criminal Practice in South Carolina	02/26/10;
(d) Family Law Ethics from the Preschool Perspective	02/09/10;
(e) Courtney, Jill and the Tips	02/08/10;
(f) The New and the Old DUI: Problems and Pitfalls	02/08/10;
(g) New World DUI	08/22/08;
(h) Ethics and Alternative Dispute Resolution	03/27/09;



- (i) The Criminal Trial: Pre-Trial to Post-Verdict Motions 05/08/08;
 - (j) Advanced DWI Seminar 11/02/07 - 11/03/07;
 - (k) Advanced DWI Seminar 11/12/09 - 11/13/09;
 - (l) NACDL Fall Meeting and Seminar 10/17/07 - 10/20/07;
 - (m) Nuts and Bolts of Permanency Planning Hearings 07/01/07;
 - (n) Lawyers Communication - Family Court 07/02/07;
 - (o) Mediation Powerpoint 07/02/07;
 - (p) Effective Appellate Practice: Preserving the Record 07/03/07;
 - (q) Effective Appellate Practice: The Trial Lawyer's Armageddon 07/03/07;
 - (r) Defending Abuse and Neglect Cases 08/10/07;
 - (s) Federal Practice in South Carolina 08/24/07;
 - (t) Criminal Practice in South Carolina 10/05/07;
 - (u) How to Incorporate Pro Bono work into your Practice 07/02/07.
11. Have you taught law-related courses or lectured at bar association conferences, educational institutions, or continuing legal or judicial education programs?
- (a) I lectured at a National Business Institute Seminar, The Criminal Trial: Pre-trial to Post-Verdict Motions on cross-examination and post-verdict motions.
 - (b) I have made presentations on the topics of family court criminal practice to judges and lawyers at an SC Bar Seminar.
 - (c) I have taught cross-examination and trial technique at the National College of District Attorneys.
12. List all published books and articles you have written and give citations and the dates of publication for each. None.
13. List all courts in which you have been admitted to practice and list the dates of your admission. Give the same information for administrative bodies that require a special admission to practice.
- (a) Admitted to practice before the State Courts of South Carolina in 1978;
 - (b) Also admitted to practice before the Federal District Court in 1979;
 - (c) Also admitted to practice before the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals in 1989.
14. Describe chronologically your legal experience since graduation from law school and include a list of all law firms with which you have been associated. Describe the general character of your practice and divide it into periods with dates if its character has changed over the years.
- (a) 1978-80 and 1982-84 I was an Assistant Public Defender in Richland County working in Family Court, Magistrate Court and General Sessions Court.
 - (b) 1989-92 I was the Public Defender of Richland County.
 - (c) 1984-86 I was the Public Defender of Beaufort County.
 - (d) 1980-82 I was an Assistant Solicitor in Richland County in Family Court and General Sessions.

- (e) 1986-87 and 1999-2002 I was an Assistant Solicitor in Greenville County practicing in General Sessions Court.
- (f) 1987-88 I was in private practice in Greenville primarily practicing in Family Court and criminal courts (Magistrate, General Sessions and Federal Court).
- (g) I was in private practice in Beaufort from 1992-99. I was with John Daus, Esq. as an associate 1992-94 and an associate with Moss and Kuhn 1996-99. Primarily I practiced in Family court and criminal courts. I had my own firm 1994-96.
- (h) I have been in private practice in Greenville since 2002 practicing primarily in Family Court (mostly DSS cases) and criminal courts.

If you are a judge and are not seeking a different type of judgeship, the following questions are inapplicable:

- (a) If you are a candidate for Family Court, please provide a brief written description of your experience within each of the following Family Court practice areas: divorce and equitable division of property, child custody, adoption, abuse and neglect, and juvenile justice. Include information about cases you have handled in each of these practice areas, or if you have not practiced in an area, describe how your background has prepared you to preside over such matters as a Family Court Judge.

During a third year internship and for the first several years of my practice I primarily was in Family Court defending, and then prosecuting, criminal cases. When I was the Public Defender in Beaufort we were responsible for defense in Family Court and I did court at least twice a month for three years. I occasionally get a DJJ case now but most of the work in that part of Family Court is done by the Public Defender. I am familiar with the court and the issues that would arise there because of my criminal defense work.

I did divorce work for several years while I was in private practice as a real part of my practice and have been familiar with the issues, equitable division of property, divorce, restraining orders, etc., involved for several years.

I have continued to deal with those issues as a Family Court mediator in South Carolina since 1994.

A large part of my practice since 2002 has been DSS cases. I have served as Guardian ad Litem for children, adults and parties and as counsel for the parties brought to court by DSS. The issue of custody is litigated in almost every DSS case as are the issues of visitation, services, and child support.

Some cases brought by DSS are termination of parental rights actions and in those cases often adoptive parents are joined as third parties so I have some familiarity with adoption through those actions.

15. What is your rating, if any, by any legal rating organization, such as, Best Lawyers, Chambers, Legal 500, Martindale-Hubbell, Who's Who Legal, Super

Lawyers, etc.? If you are currently a member of the judiciary, list your last available rating, if any.

Rated on Martindale-Hubell as preeminent by client review.

16. What was the frequency of your court appearances during the past five years?

- (a) federal: 2-3 times a year;
- (b) state: 4-5 times a week.

17. What percentage of your practice involved civil, criminal, domestic, and other matters during the past five years?

- (a) civil:
- (b) criminal: 60%;
- (c) domestic: 40%.
- (d) other:

18. What percentage of your practice in trial court during the past five years involved matters that went to a jury, including those that settled prior to trial?

- (a) jury: 20%;
- (b) non-jury: 80%.

Did you most often serve as sole counsel, chief counsel, or associate counsel in these matters? Sole.

19. List five of the most significant litigated matters you have personally handled in either trial or appellate court or before a state or federal agency. Give citations if the cases were reported and describe why these matters were significant.

- (a) State v. Richard Blackburn, 93-GS-27-657 Death penalty case.
- (b) State v. Mario Hinojos, 03-GS-23-2931/2944/2977. Potential death penalty case.
- (c) SCDSS v. Starieyetta Rosemond, Harold O'Neal, Kim Singleton, 08-DR-23-5319. Safe haven case involving issues of how safe haven must be accomplished and whether it be revoked by a parent with that parent then seeking custody
- (d) State v. Amos L. Mattison, 04-GS-23-1748/1740. Death penalty case.
- (e) State v. Anderson 312 S.C. 185, 439 S.E.2d 835 (1993). Changed grand jury procedure in South Carolina.

20. List up to five civil appeals you have personally handled. Give the case name, the court, the date of decision, and the citation if the case was reported.

- (a) John Roe, Respondent v. David J., Samuel T. a Minor under the age of eight (8) years, Alicia Roe, and John Doe, Defendants, of whom David J. is Appellant. Court of Appeals of South Carolina. June 28, 2007. 2007-UP-339.
- (b) The State, Respondent, v. Rudolph Holden, Appellant. Court of Appeals of South Carolina. December 15, 2009. 2009-UP-597.
- (c) Wilson A. Palacio, Respondent v. State of South Carolina, Petitioner. Supreme Court of South Carolina. January 18, 1999. 333 S.C. 506, 511 S.E.2d 62 (S.C. 1999).

21. List up to five criminal appeals that you have personally handled. Give the case name, the court, the date of decision and the citation if the case was reported.
- United States of America, Plaintiff, Appellee v. Benjamin Means, Jr., Defendant, Appellant. United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. July 21, 2010 the case was resolved by voluntary dismissal and, so, the case was not reported.
22. Have you ever held judicial office? N/A.
24. Have you ever held public office other than judicial office? If so, list the periods of your service, the office or offices involved, and whether you were elected or appointed. Also, state whether or not you have timely filed your report with the State Ethics Commission during the period you held public office. If not, were you ever subject to a penalty? N/A.
25. List all employment you had while serving as a judge (whether full-time or part-time, contractual or at will, consulting or otherwise) other than elected judicial office. Specify your dates of employment, employer, major job responsibilities, and supervisor. N/A.
26. Have you ever been an unsuccessful candidate for elective, judicial, or other public office? No.
27. Have you ever been engaged in any occupation, business, or profession other than the practice of law, teaching of law, or holding judicial or other public office? No.
28. Are you now an officer or director or involved in the management of any business enterprise? No.
29. A complete, current financial net worth statement was provided to the Commission.
30. Describe any financial arrangements or business relationships you have, or have had in the past, that could constitute or result in a possible conflict of interest in the position you seek. Explain how you would resolve any potential conflict of interest. None.
31. Have you ever been arrested, charged, or held by federal, state, or other law enforcement authorities for violation or for suspicion of violation of any federal law or regulation, state law or regulation, or county or municipal law, regulation, or ordinance, or any other law, including another country's law? None.
32. Have you, to your knowledge, ever been under federal, state, or local investigation for possible violation of a criminal statute? No.
33. Has a tax lien or other collection procedure ever been instituted against you by federal, state, or local authorities? Have you ever defaulted on a student loan? Have you ever filed for bankruptcy? No.
34. Have you ever been sued, either personally or professionally, that is, have you ever been named as defendant or respondent in any court of law? No.

36. Have you ever been investigated by the Department of Social Services? If so, give the details and the resolution. Has your name ever been enrolled on the Central Registry of Child Abuse and Neglect? No.
37. Are you now or have you ever been employed as a "lobbyist," as defined by S.C. Code § 2-17-10(13), or have you acted in the capacity of a "lobbyist's principal," as defined by S.C. Code § 2-17-10(14)? No.
38. Since filing with the Commission your letter of intent to run for judicial office, have you accepted lodging, transportation, entertainment, food, meals, beverages, money, or any other thing of value as defined by S.C. Code § 2-17-10(1) from a lobbyist or lobbyist's principal? No.
39. S.C. Code § 8-13-700 provides, in part, that "[n]o public official, public member, or public employee may knowingly use his official office, membership, or employment to obtain an economic interest for himself, a member of his immediate family, an individual with whom he is associated, or a business with which he is associated." Please detail any knowledge you have of any formal charges or informal allegations against you or any other candidate for violations of these provisions. N/A
40. S.C. Code § 8-13-765 provides, in part, that "[n]o person may use government personnel, equipment, materials, or an office building in an election campaign." Please detail any knowledge you have of any formal charges or informal allegations against you or any other candidate for violations of these provisions. N/A
41. Itemize (by amount, type, and date) all expenditures, other than those for travel and room and board, made by you, or on your behalf in furtherance of your candidacy for the position you seek. None.
42. List the amount and recipient of all contributions made by you or on your behalf to members of the General Assembly since the announcement of your intent to seek election to a judgeship. None.
43. Have you directly or indirectly requested the pledge of any member of the General Assembly as to your election for the position for which you are being screened? Have you received the assurance of any public official or public employee that they will seek the pledge of any member of the General Assembly as to your election for the position for which you are being screened? No.
44. Have you requested a friend or colleague to contact members of the General Assembly on your behalf? Are you aware of any friends or colleagues contacting members of the General Assembly on your behalf? No.
45. Have you or has anyone acting on your behalf solicited or collected funds to aid in the promotion of your candidacy? No.
46. Have you or has anyone acting on your behalf contacted members of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission about your candidacy or intention to become a candidate? No.

47. List all bar associations and professional organizations of which you are a member and give the titles and dates of any offices you have held in such groups.
- (a) South Carolina Bar Association;
 - (b) Greenville County Bar Association;
 - (c) National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers;
 - (d) South Carolina Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers;
 - (e) Greenville County Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers;
 - (f) Federal Bar Association;
 - (g) National College for DUI Defense.
48. List all civic, charitable, educational, social, and fraternal organizations of which you are or have been a member during the past five years and include any offices held in such a group, any professional honors, awards, or other forms of recognition received and not listed elsewhere.
49. Provide any other information that may reflect positively or negatively on your candidacy, or which you believe should be disclosed in connection with consideration of you for nomination for the position you seek.
50. References:
- (a) The Honorable Diane Cagle
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Greenville, South Carolina 29611
864-294-4810
 - (b) The Honorable Darlene R. Smith
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Beaufort, South Carolina 29901
843-255-5700
 - (c) Margaret A. Chamberlain
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Greenville, South Carolina 29603
864-250-0505
 - (d) Eve Major Fleming
P.O. Drawer 507
Beaufort, South Carolina 29901
843-524-3373
 - (e) Lena L. Cash, BB&T
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864-282-3580

YOUR SIGNATURE WILL BE HELD TO CONSTITUTE A WAIVER OF THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF ANY PROCEEDING BEFORE A GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE OR ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING YOUR CREDIT.
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT MY ANSWERS ARE TRUE AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

Signature: Thomas J. Quinn
Date: March 8, 2011